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RE: Docket No. 98P-0203/CP

I urge the FDA to ban the practice of forced molting of laying hens. This ritual starvation lasting from 10 to 14 days is not only blatantly cruel, but is also so destructive to the hens' immune systems that they become easy targets for *Salmonella* Enteritidis infections, posing a serious health problem for those who eat their eggs.

Please make the right decision now.

Sincerely,

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